

GOVERNMENT CRUSHES PLOT TO AID ENEMY

Passports Refused Socialists to International Meeting to Hoodwink Russia—Most Brazen Piece of Wartime Propaganda—Delegates All Pro-German Sympathizers.

(Staff Special.)
WASHINGTON, June 4.—The government has just squashed the hottest piece of pro-German agitation since the war began.

Many pro-German propagandists who crawled under cover when the first wave of patriotism followed the breaking of relations are now creeping out to do their work, brazen or subtle, of paralyzing America.

Most of all are the members of the pro-German machine which controls the socialist party.

Not content with adopting resolutions denouncing the government and the war, this pro-German clique proposed to send delegates to the so-called "international socialist conference" at Stockholm—a "made-in-Germany" meeting engineered by the government-controlled socialist party of Germany.

Banned to Czech Russia.

Socialists of allied nations repudiated this conference. It was to be made up of delegates from Germany, the allied neutrals, and Russia. Russia is the fish for whom the trap is baited.

The "American" delegates will not sail, however, for the government has refused their passports.

All three were men whose every word and act since the war began has indicated approval of German methods, from Belgian atrocities to submarine murder.

They have denounced their own government for entering the war, and come to the very edge of treason in resisting every policy that might make the war a success.

Morris Hillquit, one of the three delegates, since he came under fire for his pro-German activities, has attempted to deny sympathy with Germany.

Victor Berger and Algernon Lee are the other delegates.

Not one of the three is a workman.

Berger is a newspaper editor and publisher.

Hillquit is a corporation lawyer. Lee is a teacher in a school founded by a rich woman.

All Pro-German.

All three endorse the terms of peace sent forth by the government-inspired "socialist" in Germany, Philip Scheidemann, who is being used by the Hohenzollern government to force a general peace favorable to Germany by hoodwinking the ruling socialists of Russia.

The "American" delegates said they would oppose a separate peace—by Russia. Germany wants, not a separate peace with Russia, but an arrangement with Russia that will force the United States and our allies into a general peace favorable to Germany.

The "American" delegates would have opposed punitive indemnities. They don't want Germany to pay for her robbery and rapine in Belgium, France, Serbia, and Poland.

They want Germany to relinquish the territory she has taken—but to keep Alsace and Lorraine and perpetuate her control over the Turkish sultanate with its enslaved alien populations, and the Berlin-to-Bagdad railway.

Friendly to Aristocracy.

Not a word about abolition of the Hohenzollern autocracy occurs in any statement of the "American" would-be delegates. There is talk about "guarantees" for future peace, but not a word as to how any "guarantee" given by a Hohenzollern government can hold water.

"We shall also consider negotiations of a general international treaty guaranteeing all nations absolute freedom of intercourse and commerce," Hillquit says.

"Socialist" Hillquit is right there to protect the capitalists of Essen, Hamburg and Berlin, who fear an American merchant marine and retention of the present economic relations forced on the United States and our allies by Germany.

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MUST OBEY OR BE SHOT, EXCUSE FOR ATROCITIES

German Soldiers Punished for Little Acts of Kindness and Forced to Barbarism by Officers—Women of Devastated Region Carried Off Into Slavery Worse Than Death.

LONDON, June 4.—Little by little, as the allied line moves on, releasing from German bondage and horror the French families that have been so held since the great Teuton drive of the early war, there is unfolded here of the great tragedy of the living hell on the other side of the fighting area.

Few scenes have surpassed in agony those witnessed when the English occupied Verdun, taking another bite out of the Hindenburg line. Accounts have just reached London from a Daily Chronicle correspondent who witnessed the scenes.

Tale of Peasant.

An old man described a night spent with more than 1000 others in a cemetery just before the English advance. "The Germans searched us there, and took all our money," he said, weeping. Some of the women they stripped naked in the search. The night was cold, but that mattered not.

"All around the sky flamed with the fire of our villages—Poenvilly, Rouvincourt, Marteville, Treflon, Mouchy, Hancourt and many others.

"The people with me cried aloud in all that hell. Vraignes was burned around us. We were in a great terror. The next day the English came."

"My three sisters were taken with the Germans when they fell back," said a young girl. "They were Yvonne, Juliette and Madelaine, 18, 22 and 27. All our neighbors' daughters were taken, too, from 16 years up—and all the men up to 50. They have gone to slavery and great peril. How can they escape?"

Soldiers Forced to Cruelty.

There is ample evidence that many German soldiers are themselves enmeshed in the German system of barbarism. Wretched men they are, with all illusions gone.

Silly they do little acts of kindness, for if they are found out punishment is swift and cruel.

A young French woman, before the English advance, saw a German soldier beat an old man on the head.

Flinging up her window she called to the soldier in angry scorn and reproach. "Cala bete!" she cried.

"Sala bete?" he answered. "For that you shall go to prison." Finally, though, he came closer and said in contrite and shamed tones, "C'est la guerre. C'est cruelle la guerre." He understood and spoke French.

Obeys or Be Shot.

"We are under orders of men greater than we," explained another. "We are bound to obey, for if we do not we shall be shot."

"Perhaps of all the cruelties, the enslaving of women and girls behind the lines is most hideous and sickening," said a woman released by the British advance.

"All are compelled to work, and there is no exemption for those who are weak. frail women must toil beside strong girls used to hard labor.

"And then there is now and then a bad one—one who consents to be the prey of an officer. To her is given exemption from labor and she may flaunt her ease in the face of those compelled to toil."

RAILROADS NEED FOREST PERMITS

WASHINGTON, June 4.—In construction of railroads across federal forest reserves the supreme court decided today that federal permits must be secured and regulations complied with.

The court affirmed a judgment for \$68,000 against the St. Paul road for damages to the Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, forest reservation during construction of its Puget Sound extension in 1907.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE DELIVERED RUSSIA

WASHINGTON, June 4.—President Wilson's communication to the Russian government on the war aims of the United States has been delivered at Petrograd by American Ambassador Francis, but will not be published in this country or in Russia for a day or two while the state department is clearing up what are officially characterized as "matters of detail."

NO USE TRYING TO DODGE DRAFT REGISTRATION

Record of Men's Real Age Left Behind in School Lists, Marriage and Other Licenses, and Insurance and Employment Papers, and in Voting Lists of Countries.

NEW YORK, June 4.—Uncle Sam is preparing to deal with the man who tries to dodge on registration day!

The man who thinks he can quietly disappear from sight has had little experience with the U. S. government. He has forgotten the long trail of records he has inevitably left behind him in his years of life in a given community that will almost instantly give his correct age to an investigating official, and render useless the attempt to dodge registration.

In a certain proportion of the territory of the United States, known by the census office as the "birth registration area," records of the birth of every child are sufficiently complete and go back far enough for an investigating official to check up at once on the slacker who tries to dodge the registration.

Complete Record.

Where this is not possible, there is a practically complete record of the ages of every person who has ever gone to the public schools. This school record extends, of course, to all

colleges and universities, for those young men who have gone to such institutions. A little example in simple addition will serve to show Uncle Sam's investigator that the man who left college four years ago must be within the registration limits. A similar deduction is possible from the lower school statistics.

Practically every married man in the United States has tucked away in an official record in a marriage license bureau the little figures which show just how old he is. These are, of course, instantly available to government officials.

Then, too, every man who has taken out a life insurance policy, accident policy, industrial policy, has a nice little record of his real age in the home of file of his insurance company. These records are required by law to be accurately kept, and they are also available for public investigation.

Records in Many Places.

Have you ever tried to get a government job? If so, the U. S. civil service commission has a record of your real age in its files, and these are right down in Washington, convenient for reference. Also, the U. S. labor department has a record of the age of every man who has applied thru the system of U. S. labor exchanges at postoffices for a job.

In many cases, too, corporations and other employers have accurate records of the ages (among other information) of men who are, or have been, in their employ. This is especially true of railroads and similar big organizations.

Possibly the intending slacker has at some time applied for an automobile or motorcycle license; or a license to sell milk; put up a sign; obstruct the sidewalk; or a thousand and one things for which licenses have to be secured from city or county officials. In each case, it is probable that the blank form which had to be filled out

on that occasion, contains a record of the applicant's age.

Naturalization Records.

In many states, laws prescribe age limits for child labor, or for night work, and so on, and in these cases employers must be careful to ascertain the age of applicants for positions, and report them to state or city labor bureaus. These records will come in handy for checking up a possible slacker.

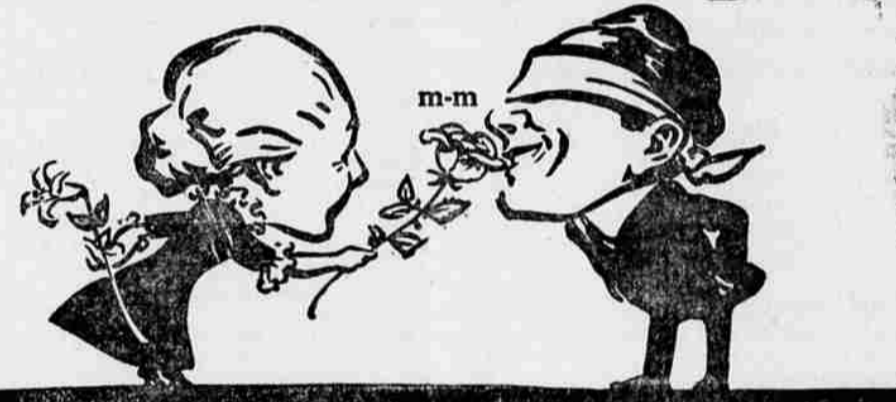
For men who have come into the country as immigrants, and have become naturalized citizens, a complete age record exists not only in the immigration bureau of the labor department, but in the courts where naturalization was effected.

There are many other records of a semi-official or private character, which Uncle Sam can utilize if it becomes necessary. Fraternal orders and organizations of all kinds; labor union records; membership records of clubs and associations, and hundreds of other sources can be examined.

The check-up will be made complete by requiring men to show registration cards after June 5. The only difficulty will be as to men who have just passed the age limit of 31, or who are still under the limit of 21 years. It is possible that a second registration of all men in the country may be necessary, so that any man without a registration card will automatically be known to be a dodger.

Two Additional Camp Sites Chosen.

WASHINGTON, June 4.—Linda Vista, Cal., and Columbia, S. C., have been selected as sites for cantonments in which forces of the war army will be trained. The designations bring the number of sites determined upon up to six, four having been announced yesterday. Ten are yet to be chosen.



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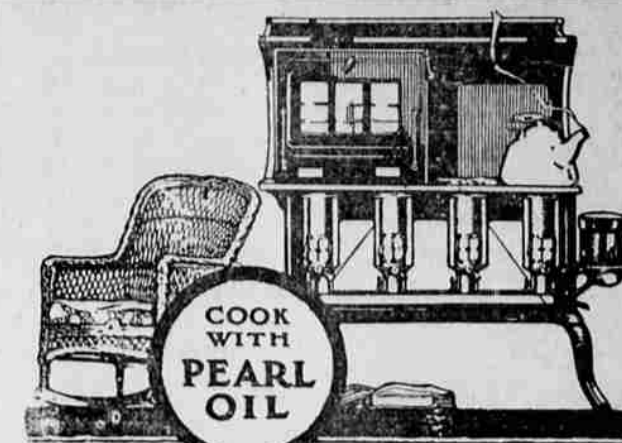
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